

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2006 at 1:00 PM
and continuing Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 1:00 PM
(Approved 08-14-2006)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Cindy Cortez-Brunner	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 21st of July 2006. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by All

- Item No. 4 Approval of minutes – June 12, 2006, June 16, 2006, June 26, 2006 and July 7, 2006

Judge Bruni stated that the minutes should read July 10th instead of July 7th. He requested that the minutes not be submitted in one big bunch. He stated that he was concerned about approving the minutes for July 10th since they were listed as July 7th. Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, recommended that the court approve the minutes for June and bring back the minutes for July 10th at the next meeting for approval.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the minutes as presented for June and bring back the minutes of July 10th for approval at the next meeting. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, was present to address the court. He stated that they were at 75% completion of the Fiscal Year. He stated that page 24 of his report showed Revenue Collection to be at 86% though there are 14 departments that are below their year to date collections. He stated that Expenditures are at 69% and there are only 6 departments with expenditures above their year to date expenditures. He stated that there are some payroll line items in deficit but that there are no operational line items in deficit. He stated that at this time, there is a 17% difference in revenues collected versus expenditures and that each percentage point is equal to \$550,000. He stated that during the budget preparation, they meet with the department heads and elected officials who give them their projected revenues. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that these figures needed to be reviewed during the budget cycle. She stated that she was concerned that some departments have only collected 7% or 10% of their projected revenues so late in the year. She stated that the departments in question needed to come before the court and explain why they have been unable to collect the revenues that they projected and they need to be held accountable. Judge Bruni stated that he was concerned about housing prisoners at Frio County and Zapata County without a contract in place. Mr. Flores stated that they have not processed any payments for Frio and Zapata since there is no contract in place. Judge Bruni stated that the Delinquent Tax Attorneys don't have a contract either and that he would not sign the contract brought to him.

Mr. Leroy Medford, Public Defender, was present to address the court. He stated that his office is now receiving what he believes to be the correct number of appointments from all the courts. He stated that the appointments at the J.P. level have always been steady but that the appointments from the higher courts have increased. He stated that his office is able to handle these additional cases.

Mr. Flores advised the court that a line item transfer would be needed for County Court at Law No. 1 for their Adult Misdemeanor and Detention Hearing line items. He stated that he has some pending bills for these accounts totaling \$5,292 and \$5,700, respectively that will not be paid until a line item is made. Judge Bruni stated that he would be requesting a legal opinion to see if it would be possible to place caps on how much a court appointed attorney can be paid by Webb County.

Ms. Carmen Moreno, Treasurer's Department, presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report. She stated that Ms. Perales was unable to attend today's meeting and stated that if the court had any questions, they could contact their office.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept the Auditor's Report, Public Defender's Report and Treasurer's Report as presented. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Cmr. Gutierrez requested a report from staff on all pending county projects, listed countywide and by precinct. She also requested a status report on the water/sewer line project on Hwy 359. She requested that these reports be presented once a month.

Cmr. Garza stated that he has been in talks with some people interested in constructing an amphitheater as a possible entertainment venue. He stated that it would not compete with the LEC but would accommodate events not compatible with the LEC.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner welcomed back Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, who had been out for some time and stated that she was happy to hear that he was doing better.

Judge Bruni stated that the world is not doing very well and that everyday innocent civilians and soldiers are dying. He stated that he has never seen so many conflicts at one time. He stated that these conflicts are not about who is right and who is wrong but about who controls the oil. He asked that everyone pray for all the soldiers and those who are being slaughtered and killed.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

Ms. Cassandra Luna was present to address Item No. 24. She stated that she thanked God, all the Commissioners, the County Clerk and Judge Bruni for their assistance in being able to attend the National Federation for the Blind conference in Dallas, Texas. She stated that she would like to someday be in the same position as Judge Bruni to be able to help those in need.

Ms. Maria G. Franco was present to address Item No. 24. She stated that they were able to come back with two boxes full of information. She stated that October 15th is White Cane Awareness Day and they hope to be able to create community awareness of those with visual limitations. She thanked the Court, Ms. Margie Ibarra, Ms. Delia Perales, H-E-B and Commerce Bank for their role in helping them attend the conference. She stated that they have been approached by a reporter from Lima, Peru who would like to write an article regarding the Agape Angels. She requested permission from the court to mention their names in the article.

Judge Bruni stated that he had no problems with Ms. Franco mentioning his name in the article.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 24. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Funding Agreements as Follows:

General Fund

Agape Angels \$750.00

and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Ms. Franco stated that the item had been approved at a prior meeting for a total of \$1,250. Judge Bruni stated that Bruni Energy Inc. would be donating a \$1,250 match to the organization.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8

Discussion and possible to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-0700-5001	Payroll	\$14,000.00
To:	001-0700-6402	Repairs & Maint.	\$ 14,000.00

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, stated that her office finished paying for the AS400 system in their office in August and the maintenance was included with their payment. She stated that now they have to pay the maintenance separately and she did not budget for this expenditure. She stated that these are excess payroll funds from slots that were vacant for some time and will not affect her current employee's salaries. Comr. Garza stated that he was concerned about transferring Payroll Funds to operational line items. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that it has been the court's policy to not use payroll savings for operational expenses. He requested to look into Ms. Barrera's operational line items to if there were any savings. Ms. Barrera stated that if it was a smaller amount, she would be able to get the monies her operational line items but not \$14,000. Comr. Gutierrez stated that if the necessity for the expenditure is there and the payroll savings are available, she stated that she did not see any problems with approving this item.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to move back Item No. 7. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 7

Public Comment

Ms. Maria Elena Morales, representing Khaledi Properties, was present to address Item No. 69. She stated that the sale of this property was awarded to Khaledi for \$3.1 million in January 2006. She stated that the only thing pending is the approval of two provisions to the deed. She stated that the first provision releases Webb County from any liability for environmental problems affecting the property and the second provision indemnifies Webb County from any liability for environmental problems affecting the property. She stated that Khaledi tried to negotiate for a Special Warranty Deed but settled for a No Warranty Deed.

Judge Bruni stated that Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, was not present at today's meeting and had requested that this item be tabled until his return. He brought up Item No. 69 without any motion being made.

Item No. 69 Discussion and possible action regarding the Real Estate Contract submitted by Khaledi Properties, Ltd. for their purchase of the Webb County Detention Center (approx. 294.24 acres) THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,100,000.00) and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (2) (Consultation with Attorney) and/or 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property)].

Cmr. Garza inquired whether a delay in approving this item today would cause Mr. Khaledi or Khaledi Properties any undue problems or distress. Ms. Morales stated that the bid was awarded in January 2006 and everything is on hold until this matter is addressed. Mr. Khaledi stated that he has already paid over \$30,000 for environmental studies. He stated that the county will not be held responsible for any environmental problems that they may encounter and the items pending are normal in any sale and purchase of property. Cmr. Garza stated that this has been a very long and very drawn out issue and the court needed to conclude this item. He inquired whether it would be possible to contact Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, via telephone like they have in other instances with out of town attorneys. Judge Bruni stated that Mr. Ramirez was out of town for medical reasons and requested that this item be tabled until he was present. Ms. Morales stated that as per her conversations with Mr. Ramirez, this item needs to be brought to the court for approval and if it is not approved today, it will be brought again until action is taken. Cmr. Gutierrez questioned as to why this item was placed on the agenda if no one would be available to discuss it with the court. She stated that Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, is a very capable attorney and knowledgeable on this issue. She stated that the contract has been in limbo for a long time. She stated that she would like the benefit of going into Executive Session to discuss why this item needs to be tabled.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move into Executive Session for Item No. 69. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Bruni voting against.

Judge Bruni stated that he would not attend the Executive Session and that the court will not be protected on any action taken without the County Attorney's presence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (2:25 PM to 3:11 PM)

Judge Bruni reconvened the meeting. He stated that he did not attend the Executive Session and had no additional comments.

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, stated that no action was taken while in Executive Session. He stated that the counteroffer submitted by Khaledi is not in the best interest of the county and opens the door for possible future liabilities. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that she has expressed concerns about this in the past. She stated

that TCEQ required that all political subdivisions submit in writing a list of all underground storage tanks. The question here is whether the liability of these underground storage tanks transfers to the buyer of the property once it is sold. She stated that the provisions presented by Mr. Khaledi indemnify Webb County from any environmental problems. She stated that she hopes that the court will be ready to make a decision the next time this item is on the agenda. She stated that even if this item is tabled, it still needed to be addressed.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to table Item No. 69. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Bruni requested that Item No. 68 be moved up.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move into Executive Session for Item No. 68. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Judge Bruni stated that all Executive Session items on both the regular agenda and addendum be addressed at this time.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (3:17 PM to 3:59 PM)

Judge Bruni reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

Item No. 66 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000636-D2; Francisco Gonzalez, Jr. vs. Louis H. Bruni, County Judge of Webb County, Texas, Individually and in his Official Capacity; Frank Sciaraffa, as County Commissioner of Precinct 1 and Individually; Judith Gutierrez, as County Commissioner of Precinct 2 and Individually; Jerry Garza, as County Commissioner of Precinct 3 and Individually; Cindy Cortez-Brunner, as County Commissioner of Precinct 4 and Individually; and Webb County, Texas; In the 111th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, requested authorization to retain outside Counsel, Cowell Watson to replace the County Attorney due to conflict of interest.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Mr. Bratton's request and retain outside counsel Cowell Watson to replace the County Attorney in this matter. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 67 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 9468; James P. Stewart and Nora Stewart v. Esmeralda Mata; In the Precinct Four Justice Court of Webb County, Texas Claim against Precinct Four Constable's Office.[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, requested authorization to work the case through the system and parameters discussed in Executive Session.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Mr. Bratton's request. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 68 Discussion and possible action to recognize and implement 4% salary adjustment effective April 1, 2006 for eligible members of the Webb County Deputy Sheriff's Association pursuant to Articles of Agreement between Webb County and the Webb County Deputy Sheriffs Association (a/k/a collective bargaining agreement) in effect for the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2007. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)].

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, recommended implementing the 4% increase as per the agreement. He stated that the monies should be included in the Sheriff's current budget.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve Mr. Bratton's recommendation. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum
Item No. 1

Discussion and possible action to regarding Webb County v Electronic Systems and Software, Inc., and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison of Allison Bass and Associates stated that no action was needed for this item.

Addendum

Item No. 2 Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Laredo, Texas v Martha Escamilla et al; Court of Appeals Number 04-05-00456 in the Fourth Court of Appeal District and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison of Allison Bass and Associates stated that no action was needed for this item.

Addendum
Item No. 3

Discussion and possible action regarding Webb County v. Gregg Abbott, et al No. GV-043943; In the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison of Allison Bass and Associates stated that no action was needed for this item.

Addendum
Item No. 4

Discussion and possible action regarding Rosalinda Delgado v Webb County, Texas et al; No. 04CV-00182 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison of Allison Bass and Associates stated that no action was needed for this item.

Addendum
Item No. 5

Discussion and possible action regarding the Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd., for a Type I Municipal Solid Waste Permit (No. MSW-2286); SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975; TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0729-MSW and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison of Allison Bass and Associates stated that no action was needed for this item.

Item No. 9 Discussion and possible action to enter into a 40 year land lease with the City of Laredo for property known as Lot 9 and 10, Block 320, Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, owned and to be acquired by

the City with rent of a nominal fee of \$1.00 per year and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant document.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza stated that this item is for the construction of the Buenos Aires Community Center. He stated that this will be a self-standing community center in association with the City of Laredo.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10 Report on Webb County delegation Bond Rating Trip to New York and meetings with our congressional representatives in Washington D.C.

Cmr. Garza stated that this was a very fruitful and successful trip. He thanked Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, and Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, for attending the conference and being well prepared. He thanked Mr. Don Gonzalez of Estrada & Hinojosa for the work they did. He stated that Webb County received a rating increase from A to A+ from two of three rating companies. He stated that the county's A rating with Moody remained the same. He stated that staff and the court have done a tremendous job and it shows due to the rating increase. He stated that a lot of things that can be taken for granted have a big impact with the bonding companies. He stated that the congressional hearings went well and they discussed many issues concerning Webb County. He stated that they received many reassurances from congressional delegates regarding inmate per diem rates and support for the rail district.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that they were impressed with the rail district project and what might come of it. He stated that there was a possibility of fund allocation for the rail project. He stated that they were urged to work with the city for the construction of the fifth international bridge. They indicated that if both entities continued to pursue the Presidential Permit independently, they would in essence cancel each other out and stall the project further. He stated that Webb County benefits since they have two State Representatives, Henry Bonilla and Henry Cuellar, who are on both sides of the aisle. He stated that a lot of preparation was done before the trip and a lot of questions were asked by the rating and insurance companies. He stated that he felt that Webb County was represented well and that Webb County has never in its history received an A+ rating and the rate increase shows the court's policy of maintaining a 15% Fund Balance. He stated that when he first started working for Webb County, the Fund Balance was \$59,000. He stated that being able to respond and hold onto the budget is very important. He stated that this rating will do great things for Webb County in the years to come.

Judge Bruni stated that this rating shows the great job done by the Court, elected officials and directors. He stated that the court will go down in history for this accomplishment.

Item No. 11 Consideration and adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of "Webb County, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2006" and authorizing other matters related thereto.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Don Gonzalez, Estrada & Hinojosa (Financial Advisor), presented their pricing report for the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2006. He stated that their True Interest Cost would be 4.641%. He stated that there was no tax increase needed to cover this bond series. Mr. Paul Martin, Winstead Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (Bond Counsel), stated that the term for the Certificates of Obligation would be 20 years. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the court would be able to close on the transaction by August 24th but that they are able to spend monies now contingent on them being replaced by the bond monies. Mr. Martin advised the court that they would be required to spend at least 10% of the monies within six months.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

RECESS (4:22 PM to 4:38 PM)

Item No. 12 Discussion with possible action to approve plans for construction of Juvenile Detention Facility with proposed financing and any matters incident thereto.

Judge Bruni stated that the plan submitted was drawn up by the J.J.A.E.P. (Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program) and District Judge Elma Teresa Salinas Ender. He stated that his office was not notified of these changes.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that they have had numerous meetings with the contractors and architects for this project. He stated that the original bid was for \$13.35 million and that amendments have been made to keep the project on budget. He stated that this project was approved in 2001 and every year, construction costs continue to increase. He stated that they have eliminated the gym/cafeteria building and are creating a hearing room that could also be used as a courtroom. He stated that they have eliminated some details and have moved some contingency funds around. He stated that Leyendecker Construction has made a voluntary deduction of \$80,000 and held the prices for almost eight months. He recommended taking the original \$10 million allocated in the Certificates of Obligation along with any interest earned as well as the proceeds from the sale of the current detention center and dedicating all those funds towards this project. He stated that without allocating the proceeds of the detention center, the project will be \$350,000 short. He stated that the appraisal of that property came back substantially higher than expected and its sale should be able to cover any additional costs.

Judge Bruni motioned to accept Mr. Villarreal's recommendations for the funds of this project. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Leyendecker Construction, Inc., in the amount of ELEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$11,154,700.00), to construct the "Webb County Youth Village Project" and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Judge Bruni motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 14 Discussion and possible action to issue a purchase contract to J.W. Dielmann, Inc. in the amount of \$12,740.00 for the replacement of a malfunctioning control panel and smoke detectors for the Webb County Jail. [Acct. #001-2060-6402 \$22,736.50] The purchasing department received two bids:

J.W. Dielmann, Inc.	\$12,740.00
Simplex Grinnell	\$19,999.00

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to allow the County Auditor to make line item transfers from within a department's own budget or from another department's payroll savings to correct the deficits allowed by the County Treasurer in payroll line items.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two (2) computers plus software in the amount of \$2,771 from Fund #657 Interest Income Series 2003.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to enter into lease amendment number two (2), with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to extend a lease for boat storage at the Lake Casa Blanca State Park for an additional twenty-four (24) months to August 31, 2008, at a monthly rental fee of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) per month and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.
- Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action to enter into an eighteen (18) month (March 15, 2006 through August 31, 2007) grant agreement with the State of Texas (TX DOT) for Public Transportation for an annual amount of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$64,344.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency; Acct. No. 980-4205 (El Aguila Rural Transportation)]
- Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.
- Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action to renew a one (1) year (September 1, 2006 thru August 31, 2007) lease agreement with VIMOSA II Partnership for an annual amount of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and any assessed taxes in order to operate a Head Start Center located at 102 Sierra Vista Blvd. and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start; Account No. 903-4207-6012 (Rent)]
- Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.
- Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to submit a fiscal year 2007, (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007), master grant application part 1 to the State of Texas (TX DOT) for Rural Public Transportation for an amount to be determined by the award of subsidiary grants and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency; Acct. No. 980-4205 (El Aguila Rural Transportation)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to accept one (1) right of way, out of San Laredo Ranchettes, Inc., Subdivision, 1 right-of-way out of Ranchos Penitas West Subdivision, and one (1) right-of-way out of Ranchos Los Centenarios Subdivision, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to approve the Retainer Agreement with Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. to represent Webb County against Electronic Systems and Software, Inc. and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to enter into a six (6) month (March 1, 2006 thru August 31, 2006) First Amended Grant Contract with Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG) for Texas VINE grant contract No. 06-03592 for an total over ten months of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$21,567.00) that is, TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$12,940.00) from March 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Sheriff; Account No. 312-2001-3501 (Texas VINE Revenue)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

The court was advised for a clarification as to the amount approved for Item No. 24.

- Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Funding Agreements as Follows:

General Fund

Agape Angels \$750.00

and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Garza stated that the amount that had been approved at the previous meeting had been for \$1,250.00. Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, recommended approving the funding as shown on the agenda item and they would bring an item to the next agenda for the additional monies.

- Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Special Agent in charge (SAIC), San Antonio, Texas for reimbursement of actual costs incurred by Webb County in support of joint operations/task forces. [Account No. 316-2100-3501 (Immigration and Customs Enforcement Revenue)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to approve line-item transfer within the County Attorney Departmental Budget.

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, requested that this item be tabled.

Judge Bruni motioned to table Item No. 26. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to order and install a Diebold depository box outside the Assessor-Collector's office for one time amount of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$2,823.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Assessor Collector Department; Account No. 010-0700-6224 (Minor Apparatus and Tools) and 010-0700-6022 (Professional Services) for installation only.]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to enter into a four (4) year (July 24, 2006 thru July 23, 2010) maintenance agreement with Ikon Office Solutions, Inc. for a Canon IRL 2620 Copier for an annual amount of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$1180.00)

and with overages at \$0.017 per copy after five thousand (5,000) copies and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Planning Department; Account No. 010-0700-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Office Communications Systems, Inc. for one (1) Toshiba DP120F Digital Facsimile Machine for the 406th District Court for a twelve (12) month period (July 24, 2006 through July 23, 2007) with a monthly base rate of One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$195.00) with no page limit and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Sheriff's Department, Account No. 001-1004-6402 (Repairs & Maintenance Equipment)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 30 Discussion and possible action to enter into one (1) year agreements with Trimble Navigation Limited through Western Data Systems for:

-One Geo Series GPS receiver THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$395.00)

A total of THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$395.00) over the term, seeking a discretionary exemption to the competitive bidding statute (Local Gov Code section 262.024(a)(7) (Sole Source), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Planning Department, Account No. 010-102-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance Equipment)].

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to enter into one (1) year agreements with Trimble Navigation Limited through Martin Instrument for:

-One (1) extended limited warranty for a 5700 survey rover at NINE HUNDRED AND

FIFTY DOLLARS (\$950.00)

-One (1) extended limited warranty for a 5800 survey base at ONE THOUSAND AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$1030.00)

-One (1) Survey Controller Extended Warranty at FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$580.00)

A TOTAL of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,560.00) over the term, seeking a discretionary exemption to the competitive bidding statute (Local Gov Code section 262.024(a)(7) (Sole Source), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Planning Department, Account No. 010-102-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance Equipment)]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Frio County for the housing of Webb County inmates at the Frio County Jail at a rate of \$39.00 per day, including transportation and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Zapata County for the housing of Webb County inmates at the Zapata County Jail at a rate of \$39.00 per day, including transportation and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, stated that this was paid out of the revenues received from the Federal Marshalls, City of Laredo and other entities from housing inmates. He stated that the prior rate was \$37.50 and the one shown is for \$39.00. He stated that Zapata County was being paid on an emergency basis only but that he stopped payment when a pattern emerged and no contract was in place. He stated that the concept to generate revenues by housing County inmates in other jails to make room for Federal inmates has never worked. He stated that the process for paying these costs as well as from where they are being paid will be done differently next year. He stated that he has been advised by the Sheriff that inmate transfers are needed due to overcrowding and inmate segregation and classification requirements. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that an expenditure line item needed to be created to cover these costs. Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, stated that the transfers are necessary to maintain jail standards compliance. Deputy Chief Martinez, Sheriff's Department, stated that these contracts were submitted to the County Attorney's Office since February/March for their review. He stated that they have officers that constantly monitor the number of inmates being housed at other jails and how many inmates from other jails are being

housed here. He stated that there are prisoners who stay in jail for several days because the District Attorney's Office needs to receive the arresting agency's report before being able to do anything. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that something needed to be done internally and with the other law enforcement agencies about the delay in processing inmates. She stated that the contracts needed to be in place.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 32 and No.33 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Laredo to participate in the Minority Community Health Partnership HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program to begin on September 1, 2006 and end on August 31, 2009 by assisting the City in development of HIV/AIDS media campaign, refer clients when assessed that an individual may benefit from HIV counseling and testing and various other activates and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Assistant County Attorney Christopher S. Coker to the Webb County Child Welfare Board to fill vacancy in accordance with his nomination by the Board at its meeting of July 11, 2006.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to enter into a 50 year land lease with the Diocese of Laredo being an approximate ten acre tract (Lot 2A, Block 1, Las Haciendas Subdivision) and commonly known as the "Santa Teresita Mission" tract with rent of a nominal fee of \$1.00 per year and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that they have been working on building a community center for some time. She stated that it will be located approximately 19 miles outside of the city limits on Hwy 59 on land that belongs to the Diocese of Laredo. She stated that this center will serve the colonias on Hwy 59. She thanked the Diocese of

Laredo for their help on this project and stated that she will bring an item at a future meeting to being construction.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of five (5) computers, printers, software and one (1) projector for in the amount of \$9,150 from Fund #657 Interest Income Series 2003.

Cmr. Cortez-Brunner motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-1100-5001	Payroll Cost	\$34,862.75
To:	001-1100-5002	Incentive Pay	\$11,397.68
	001-1100-5004	Longevity Pay	\$2,000.00
	001-1100-5006	Educational Incentive	\$7,336.07
	001-1100-5011	Sick Leave Buy Back	\$14,129.00
		Total	\$34,862.75

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to submit its 5310 grant application in the amount of \$80,430.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) for comment and review as required and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 40 Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$3,500.00 from TXU Energy Retail Company. Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to help families that are in

financial distress to meet energy related costs essential to their health and welfare.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 41 Discussion and Possible action to approve the appointment of Abraham Martinez, Chief Executive Officer Laredo Medical Center, as a Community Representative for Category "C" for the Community Action Agency Advisory Board to fill a current vacancy

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 42 Status report on the Webb County Community Action Agency's insurance coverage and claims

Cmr. Gutierrez requested that this item be taken at the end of the meeting.

- Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order#1 to the Amistad Housing contract (HUD-NI Contract #B 00NI TX WC002), Bid # 2006-20, (Account #50365017031 1), for additional services required below:

- For upgrading existing electrical pole from 125 amps to 200 amps service required, to hook-up mobile home of Mrs. Maria Garza, located at 506 Rio Morava, Rio Bravo for the amount of Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$500.00).
- For moving and replacing the existing electrical pole and upgrading 125 amps to 200 amps service required, to hook-up mobile home of Mrs. Leticia Zamarripa, located at 505 Rio Morava, Rio Bravo for the amount of Eight Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$800.00).
- For a new, 200 amps meter loop mounted on pole service required, plumbing rerouting (PVC and copper liners for water and sewer), to hook-up mobile home of Mr. Mario and Leticia Botello, located at 1767 Margarita Lane, Rio Bravo for the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and not cents (\$2,175.00).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 44 Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Scoring Committee on the

following eligible applicant to receive assistance under the HOME Program: Emilio Garza from El Cenizo, TX and the authorization for the purchasing agent to solicit proposals for this Mobile Home. HOME ACCOUNT# 464-42228-7029

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 45 Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (O.R.C.A) for a 2007-2008 Community Development Fund grant by August 31, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000 grant. [No cash match required]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 46 Discussion and Possible Action Ratifying Final Payment and Retainage to Foster Engineering in the amount of \$17,987.51 for the TXDOT Border Colonias Access Program Rio Bravo Paving and Storm Drainage Phase I & II Project.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 47 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing a Cellular phone for Miguel Cabello, Assistant County Engineer of the Engineering Department for 500 minutes.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 48 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Engineer, Road & Bridge and Utilities Departments to perform maintenance on two storm drainage culverts on a road north of Rio Bravo and the Vela tract located on the property of the D. D. Hachar Foundation to alleviate the flooding that occurs in Rio Bravo at Crisantena and Vela Streets and the west end of the Vela Tract.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 49 Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Road & Bridge to pick up approximately 1,500 old tires that have been picked up the City of El Cenizo and are being stored on an empty lot next to their city hall.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Judge Bruni advised Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer, to charge the City of El Cenizo for this service the next time it is done.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 50 Discussion and possible action to accept a donation to the Webb County Head Start program on behalf of the Head Start Policy Council (Head Start parents and community representatives) in the amount of \$579.75.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 51 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1947, Licensed Vocational Nurse (40 hrs/week for 22 Pay Periods) with an annual salary of \$28,751.80, effective August 1, 2006.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Five Complete computer sets for the Indigent Services Program at the price of \$7,500 from the following account: Fund 657-Interest Income Series-2003.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two(2) pc's, two (2) printers, and one (1) laptop in the amount of \$ 4,960.25 for Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 PL 2 Judge Ricardo Rangel [Sponsored by Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 54 Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:
Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (c)
(1): Lot 12, Block 8, San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I (electricity – one dwelling only)

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55 Discussion and possible action to award the following bids and proposals:
Bid 2006-27 Concrete Pads for Head Start Program
Recommendation: Montemayor Construction \$40,487.44
Bid 2006-29 thru Bid 2006-31 Rehabilitation of Homes (Rio Bravo, Los Altos and El Cenizo) Recommendation forthcoming
Bid 2006-32 Chain Link Fence for Law Enforcement
Recommendation forthcoming July 20, 2006
Bid 2006-34 Central Air Coil Cleaning
Recommendation AA Builders

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, made the following recommendations:

2006-27	Montemayor Construction
2006-29 and 31	AA Builders
2006-30	Santos Serna
2006-34	AA Builders
2006-32	Automatic Gates, Cameras & More (sole bidder)

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that they had been asked to request bids for 2006-32 and only one bid was received from Automatic Gates, Cameras & More.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to award the bids as recommended by Mr. Ramirez except for 2006-32. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56 Discussion and possible action to issue a purchase contract in the amount of \$24,258.60 to Cantu Electric Company Inc. for the installation of five (5) street lights at the Judith Gutierrez Parkway off Hwy 359 for the Engineering Department. ACCT. 503-6501-8801 \$7,082.35; 695-6004-8710-2 \$22,472.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez-Brunner seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57 Discussion and possible action to approve a change order in the amount of \$475.00 from Admiral Builders LLC for the County Court at Law #1 for the replacement of carpet. ACCT: 001-0105-9201-MAY06 BAL: 122,338.73.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 58 Discussion and possible action to purchase one (1) narcotic detection patrol/tracking dog from Hill Country Dog Center in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the Sheriff's Department. ACCT. 168-2001-6706; \$11,000.00

Captain Ted Garcia, Sheriff's Department, was present to address this item. He stated that the canine would be purchased out of Forfeiture Funds and would be housed at the canine handler's home. He stated that they have a canine handler but that the canine and handler will need to go through training together before becoming certified. He stated that the canine will be used for narcotics detection, to track fugitives and missing persons. He stated that the training costs and supplies will be covered under a grant they received. He stated that meals, supplies and maintenance will be covered from internal funds and will not come from additional county funds. Judge Bruni stated that the canine is to have the best veterinary care and meals.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the item with all expenses from Forfeiture Funds. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 59 Discussion and possible action to purchase five (5) complete computer systems through DIR state contract number DIR-SDD-192 from DELL in the amount of \$11,607.79 ACCT. 010-2202-8405; \$15,474.20

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 60 Discussion and possible action to approve the printing of 2006 tax statement for the Tax Assessor's Office from Litho Business Forms in the amount of \$5,043.50. Account # 001-0700-6205-\$9,223.80.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 61 Discussion and possible action to dispose of surplus property PURSUANT TO CHAPTER D DISPOSITION OF SALVAGE OR SURPLUS PROPERTY, SECTION § 263.151 THRU § 263.158.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 62 Discussion and possible action to purchase the following equipment for the District Clerk's Office in the amount of \$26,226.34 from account number 018-1110-8801- \$30,975.21.

Equipment for District Clerks Office

Qty	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Fujitsu fi Scanner	CDW-G	\$2,642.00
1	Kofax 650i adrenaline	CDW-G	\$745.00
1	Kofax scsi Data cable	CDW-G	\$90.00
2	Fujitsu Scancare warranty	CDW-G	\$2,940.00
1	HP Laser jet 4250 Printer	CDW-G	\$812.00
10	Simpletech 256MB PC Mem	CDW-G	\$300.00
2	Simpletech 512MB PC Mem	CDW-G	\$144.00
13	Complete Computer System	CDW-G	\$18,553.34
	Sub-total		\$26,226.34

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 63 Discussion and possible action to award the following vendor's in reference to the purchase of the following medical equipment in the amount of \$4,035.56 for the Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center from ACC# 660-6104-8801 BAL:\$60,000.00

Med. Equipment for the Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center

Qty	Description	Vendor	Amount
2	Exam Table BRE5001	Midwest Medical	\$2,508.00
2	Exam Stool BRE11001	Midwest Medical	\$345.60
2	Floor Stand Exam Light 44330	Midwest Medical	\$415.52
2	Panel Patient Screen BL12900	Midwest Medical	\$240.68
2	Plastic Cart LAK200	Midwest Medical	\$812.00
1	Mechanical Scale	Midwest Medical	\$300.00
		Sub-total	\$4,035.56

Patria Office

11	Folding Tables BSX-FTE 3672		\$ 880.00
68	Folding Chairs Padded Seat		\$2,465.00
5	Filling Cabinets 512PP HON		\$ 495.00
28	Lobby Chairs & Side Chairs		\$1,483.72
2	Storage Cabinets Hon SC1872		\$ 512.00
4	Executive Desk w/return		\$ 919.96
13	Chairs For Computer Room & for Desk		\$2,027.87
1	Filling Cabinet SAU 2702		\$ 169.99
1	Executive Desk SAU 2702		\$ 329.99
1	Credenza SAU 2746		\$ 279.00
1	Executive Leather Chair A 11502 Bk	\$ 199.99	
		Sub-total	\$4,035.56
1	Fire and Security Alarm System	Kelmar & Assoc.	\$9,922.00
		Sub-total	\$ 9,922.00
1	Digital Copier	Ikon	\$2,800.00
		Sub-total	\$ 2,800.00

Lowe's

1	Electric Stove 30"		\$ 548.00
1	Hood 30		\$ 148.00
1	Refrigerator w/ice Maker		\$ 989.00
1	Wire Range Cord		\$ 13.97
1	Ice Maker Hose		\$ 16.74
		Sub-total	\$1,624.71
		Grand Total	\$31,994.79

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 64

Discussion and possible action to award the following vendor's in reference to the purchase of the following mobile filling system in the amount of \$8,657.00 for the Juvenile Detention from ACC# 660-1301-8801-BAL:\$ 11,000.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 65 Discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to award a contract purchase order for the computers for the department following under the Bond Series Acc # 660-400, 0600, 1004, 1010, 1011, 1102, 0115, 1120, 2502, 4101, 6104-8801 \$111,000.00.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that the second lowest bidder, Larry A. Norton & Company from Laredo, Texas, was requesting that the court consider awarding the bid to his company under Chapter 271.905 – Consideration of Location of Bidder's Principal Place of Business. He stated that the difference between the lowest bidder (Southern Computer Warehouse) and Mr. Norton was less than 2%. He stated that under this chapter, Mr. Norton would have to prove an economic development/benefit to Webb County. Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, stated that there would be no economical benefit. He stated that any benefits would need to be articulated and placed in an order by the court. He recommended that the court award the purchase order to the lowest bidder.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to award the bid to the lowest bidder. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ramirez advised the court that as per their instructions, he has finished cleaning out 90-95% of the Courthouse Annex building. He stated that there are approximately 80,000 lbs. of old records that need to be destroyed. He stated that it took 3½ days and filled two trailer rigs to clean out the building. He stated that the destruction of these records will need to be outsourced. He stated that they received an estimate of 10¢ per pound to destroy the records. He stated that he would look for a possible funding source (\$8-9,000) and will bring a recommendation back to the court.

- Item No. 42 Status report on the Webb County Community Action Agency's insurance coverage and claims

Mr. Mike Kazen, CAA Director, was present to address the court. He stated that they fall under two different circulars, OMBA-122 attachments A & B and OMBA-87 attachment B. He stated that current funds can only be used to pay current debt since the liabilities were incurred during the prior funding year. He stated that there are certain allowances for legal fees but that it depends on how it is requested and where it comes from. He stated that they can petition for this or include it in the following budget.

- Item No. 70 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.